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Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Rules 1.97(b)(1) and 1.98, enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 and the references cited thereon. Also enclosed is an Office Action citing the above references, which Office Action issued in the corresponding German application from which the instant application claims priority, and an English translation thereof.

Further consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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